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SUBJECT: IMPENDING PMG MOVES IN ERITREA

1) YOU MAY HAVE SEEN REPORTS FROM ADDIS INDICATING THAT IMPORTANT PMG MILITARY AND PARA-MILITARY MOVES IN ERITREA MAY BE IMMINENT. THESE INCLUDE USE OF MILITIA AND SETTLEMENT OF ARMED NON-ERITREAN CIVILIANS ON ERITREAN LAND. ALL FOREIGN MISSIONARIES AND RELIGIOUS TEACHERS IN ERITREAN COUNTRYSIDE HAVE BEEN GATHERED IN ASMARA AND THERE ARE REPORTS ALL FOREIGNERS ILL BE EVICTED FROM PROVINCE SO AS TO HAVE NO WITNESSES.

2) YOU MAY WISH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR FORTHCOMING CONSULTATIONS IN NAIROBI WITH AMBASSADOR HUMMEL TO DISCUSS THESE IMPENDING DEVELOPMENTS WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO INDICATE THAT PMG HAS WRITTEN OFF POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATED POLITICAL SOLUTION TO ERITREAN PROBLEM AND HAS OPTED INSTEAD FOR MILITARY ACTION. REPORTS ALSO IMPLY EPMG HAS MADE DECISION TO EFFECT MAJOR CHANGE IN ETHNIC AND CULTURAL
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CHARACTER OF ERITREA THROUGH WHOLESALE DISPLACEMENT OF

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ERITREAN POPULATION, BY FORCE IF NECESSARY. IF SUCH IS
CASE, WE CAN FORESEE DEVELOPMENT OF SERIOUS ERITREAN

REFUGEE AND HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS, AND POSSIBLY RENEWED
CRITICISM IN PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL CIRCLES OF USG AID

TO ADDIS REGIME. FOR THESE REASONS IMPLICATIONS OF
IMPENDING EPMG ACTIONS WOULD APPEAR TO BE WORTH EXPLORING
WITH AMBASSADOR HUMMEL. SISCO

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